1890-029 Chancery Causes: Alexander Martin vs. Amanda Martin
Lee Co.

Allen, Strong, Pendleton, Richmond, Lane

CA-Divorce
T- African Americans
Vices
Migration

To the Hon. H. S. K. Morison Judge of the Circuit Court of Lee County Virginia:

Your orator Alexander Martin a citizen of said County and State humbly complaining, would respectfully represent, that some several years ago he intermarried in said County with one Amanda Allen, with whom he for several years lived in happiness and contentment, and they had as the issue of said marriage one child, Your orator as well as his said wife are colored people and like most of their race were poor & had to work for a living, in that way your orator was much away from home during the day, and while thus from home he afterwards learned that, his said wife became unfaithful to him and committed various acts of adultery, with other colored men, and she finally left him and went to the State of Tenn and remained away for months

when at last she returned seemingly repentant she was sick and destitute, and homeless your orator loved her and took her in again and forgive her, and hoped to avoid trouble in the future, but so soon as she recovered and opportunity offered she again became unfaithful and sought carnal pleasures outside her marital relations on the knowledge of which coming home to your orator she left him again in company with another man, with whom she lived and committed various and divers acts of adultery, and has for several years been gone to the west with another man and probably attempted to marry him. Your orator has since this last desertion constantly refused to acknowledge her as his wife and has not lived with her, nor has he in any way condoned her offence or co-habited with her. He has all his life been a citizen of this County where he and his said wife were married

and lived.
He therefore charges against her the crime of adultery with various and diverse persons and especially with one Henry Strong
The object of this bill therefore is to obtain an absolute divorce and annullment of said marriage contract, and full & complete release from any further obligations of the same.
The premises considered therefore he prays that his said wife Amanda Martin be made a party defendant hereto and answer the same and on a hearing a decree be rendered annulling vacating and setting aside said bonds of matrimony and a decree be rendered divorcing your orator therefrom and for all other & further relief may seem issue &c.

A. T. Pridemore
P. Q.

Tax	1.50
H. Clerk	5.50
" Comm	1.50
Pr.	5.00
Wit	1.50
"	1.60
"	15.00
	$30.60

Alex. Martin P.

vs

Bill Chy

Amanda Martin

1890 Pt. Atty. Rules Bill filed Sha not Svd, Deft being a non resident & Order pub

" Pt. Atty Rules Cont'd for order pub.

" pt. Decr Rules Taken last Monday in Atty order pub. Completed & Cause set for hearing.

" Decr Term Decree final

1890 to 1900

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Alexander Martin
against
Amanda Martin } Decree

This Cause came on this day to be heard upon the bill of the pltff: order of publication against the defendant duly made published the depositions of witnesses and was argued by Counsel on consideration whereof and for reasons appearing to the Court, acts of adultery in the defendant being fully proven, it is adjudged ordered and decreed that the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between the pltff and defendant be and they are hereby annulled vacated and set aside and held void. And the pltff has leave to marry again, but the defendant is restrained therefrom. And no further action being necessary the Cause is stricken from the docket.

Alex Martin

v } Decree
Final

Amand. Martin

Dec. 7. 1890

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Jos. Neuatt Clk

Entered this
Dec. 7. 1890
H. A. K. M.

The depositions of Henry Pendleton and others taken at the Clerk's office of the circuit Court for Lee County on the 28th Nov. 1890, which are intended to be read as evidence on behalf of Alex. Martin Pltff. vs Amanda Martin deft. in a chancery suit now pending in the circuit Court of Lee County in which said Alex. Martin is Pltff and Amanda Martin Deft.

Said Henry Pendleton being duly sworn deposes and says.

I am acquainted with Alex. Martin the Pltff in this suit and have known him for the past fifteen years, he resides in Lee County Va, and has so lived ever since I have known him, I also know Amanda Martin the Deft in this suit, she lived in Lee County Va near Jonesville Va, until

three years ago, before leaving here she lived with the Pltff as his wife. She has been away from here and not lived with him for the past three years or thereabouts.

I have understood and believe that she went to one Henry Storing and was working at the same house together with him, but how this is I cannot state positively.

I know the fact that she was unfaithful to Alex Martin as her husband and that she was guilty of acts of adultery. and these acts were not brought about by the knowledge or connivance of said Alex. Martin - I never made known to any one until after she left this County what I know about her adulterous acts.

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Henry X Pendleton
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witness of lawful age being duly sworn deposes and says:

I am well acquainted with the parties of this suit have known them for the past 14 or 15 years - they once lived as man and wife near Jonesville, Alex Martin still lives here - but about three years ago said Amanda Martin deserted her home and family and went from there to Morristown and Knoxville, She went to Knoxville the first time with an other man besides her said husband, and the second time Henry Strong sent for her and she went to him and has not been back here since - and it is my understanding that her and said Henry Strong are now living together in Ky.

I know the fact that said Amanda Martin has been unfaithful to her said husband, and that she frequently committed acts of adultery with various persons - and that these acts were not brought about by the procurement or connivance of the said Alex. Martin - They have not lived together as man and wife since she left about 3 years ago - nor since said Alex. Martin had knowledge of her acts of adultery refered to by me in my deposition, nor has he claimed her as his wife since her abandonment of him & his family.

And further this witness saith not. W.W. Richmond

wit claim 50¢

The foregoing depositions were taken sworn to & subscribed by the witnesses before me at the time & place stated in the captions. I sign under my

Issued this 28th Nov. 1890.
J. A. L. Hyatt Comm.

Coyner's Office
Jonesville Va
Nov. 29th 1890.

George Lane an other witness of lawful age being introduced by the Plaintiff in this Cause deposeth and says.

I am well acquainted with the parties to this suit I have known them for the past 20 years, the lived together as man & wife until about three years, when the defendant deserted her husband, and home, and I am informed she is living with one Henry Strong.

I had a conversation with Alex Martin soon after his wife left him, in which I told him, "That if I was him I would be glad she was gone, I then told him what I had heard about her adulterous acts - and that as many

as three different men had told me they had had intercourse with her repeatedly, he has not lived with her since I told him what I had heard about her. his George X Lane mark

wit claim 50c.

Sworn to & subscribed before me by the witness Nov. 29th 1890.

J. A. L. Hyatt Comr

Alex Martin
vs
Sepo
Francis Martin

Filed Nov. 28/1890
J. A. L. Hyatt

Wit claim $1.50
Comr. 1.50
3.00

In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Lee on the 29th day of October 18 90.

Alexander Martin Plaintiff
against
Amanda Martin Defendant

Div Chancery

The object of this suit is to obtain a divorce from the bonds of matrimony now existing between the Pltff. and Deft.

And an affidavit having been made and filed that the defendant is not a resident of the State of Virginia, it is ordered that she do appear here within fifteen days after due publication hereof, and do what may be necessary to protect her interest in this suit. And it is further ordered that a copy hereof be published once a week for four week's in some newspaper, and that a copy be forthwith posted at the front door of the court-house of this county.

A copy—Teste: J. A. S. Hyatt Clerk.

A. L. Pridemore p. q.

Alex Martin
vs } Order Pub
Amander Martin

I certify that I delivered at office copy of this order to the Resp. for Pub. and posted a like copy on the court house door on the first day Lee County Court for Nov. 1890 J. A. L. Hyatt C

The Commonwealth of Virginia.

To The Sheriff Of Lee County Greeting:

We Command You to Summon Amanda Martin

To appear at the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Lee County, at the Courthouse on the first Monday in Nov. next, being rule day to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited in our said Court against her by Alexander Martin

And have then and there this writ. Witness, J. A. G. Hyatt, Clerk of said Court at the Courthouse.
This 29 day of Oct 1890, in the 115 year of the Commonwealth.

J. A. G. Hyatt Clerk.

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Alex Martin

vs } Sp in Chcy

Amanda Martin

To 1st Nov. Rules 1890.

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deft being a non
resident
Oct 29th 1890

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The Commonwealth of Virginia.

To The Sheriff Of Lee County Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON Henry Pendleton and William Richmond

To appear before ~~the Judge~~ a court of our Circuit Court of Lee County, at the courthouse on the 28th day of November 1890 term next to testify and the truth to speak in behalf of Alex. Martin in certian matters of controversy pending in our said Court between Sarah Martin Plaintiff, and Amanda Martin Defendant. And this they shall in no wise omit under the penalty of Twenty Dollars. And have then there this writ. Witness, J. A. G. Hyatt, Clerk of our said Court at the Courthouse.

This 28th day of Nov. 1890, in the 115 year of the Commonwealth.

J. A. G. Hyatt Clerk.

Alex. Martin

vs

Spa

Amanda Martin

To 28th day Nov. 1890

Executed by same the within witness this the 28th day of Nov 1890

A B Murray

S. L. S.

VIRGINIA:—In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Lee on the 29th day of October 1890.

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vs. } In Cha'y.
Amanda Martin Deft

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A copy—Teste:

J. A. G. HYATT, Clerk.

A. L. PRIDEMORE, p. q. 3-1 4w

I, Geo. W. Blankenship, Editor of the LEE COUNTY REPUBLICAN, a weekly newspaper published in the town of Jonesville, and County of Lee, hereby certify that the foregoing Order of Publication was duly published in the above named paper for four successive weeks ending Nov. 22, 1890. G. W. Blankenship

Editor LEE CO., REPUBLICAN

Alex. Martin
vs } Pub Certif
Amanda Martin

Filed Novr. 22nd
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